IN THE UNITES STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

VOHRA Group Art Unit: (Unknown)

Appln. No.: (Filed herewith) Examiner: (Unknown)

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Title: DYNAMICALLY RECONFIGURABLE ADD/DROP MULTIPLEXER WITH LOW

COHERENT CROSS-TALK FOR OPTICAL COMMUNICATION NETWORKS

December 20, 2001

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before line 1, please insert the following new paragraph:

This application claims benefit of prior U.S. Application 60/292,913, filed May 24, 2001, the contents of which are incorporated into this application by reference.

REMARKS

Entry of the above amendment is respectfully requested. Applicant is hereby claiming benefit of his provisional Application No. 60/292,913 filed May 24, 2001.

A prompt and favorable Action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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